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For: Solar Cell and Fabrication Method Thereof, Interconnector For
Solar Cell, Solar Cell String, and Solar Cell Module

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- ☐ 1. **PTO-1449 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)**
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- ☐ 2. **Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)**
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- ☒ 3. **Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)**
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- ☐ 4. **Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)**
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The following are submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37
C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

- ☒ 5. A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith. U.S. Patents and Publications are not required and are not attached.
- ☒ a) The partial translations were provided to the undersigned by the applicants' foreign representative. The undersigned has no knowledge regarding the pertinency of the partially translated portions vis-à-vis the document as a whole. The partial translations are merely provided for whatever convenience they may be.
- ☒ b) The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending application U.S. Serial Number 10/673,367, filed September 30, 2003, entitled SOLAR CELL AND FABRICATION METHOD THEREOF, INTERCONNECTOR FOR SOLAR CELL, SOLAR CELL STRING, AND SOLAR CELL MODULE, now published as 2004-0154658 published on August 12, 2004.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

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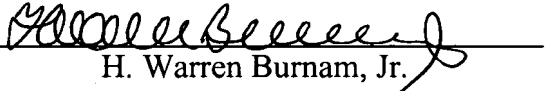
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- ☐ 6. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]
- ☒ 7. 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier]; and
- ☐ a) The required Statement made in item 9 below; or
- ☒ b) The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 10 below.
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- ☐ b) The required Statement is stated in item 9 below.
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- ☒ 10. Please charge all deficiency fees associated with the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and any other fees applicable to this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. An original and one (1) copy of this document are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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